

Sangamon County LEPC

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AGENDA

November 16, 2006

8:30 AM

Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (09/21/2006)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

Old Business

- Central IL Community Blood Center planning
- Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project
- Other

New Business

- Site Specific Planning for CWLP
- Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2006
- Other

Next meeting: January 18, 2007

Motion to adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC MEETING – November 16, 2006

- I.** The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. at the State Fire Marshal's Office Conference Room, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield Illinois, 62703.

Members present included: John Brennan, *Memorial Medical Center*; David Butt, *Sangamon County OEM*; Brian Churchill, *St. John's Hospital*; Ray Cooke, *Sangamon County Office of Bioterrorism Preparedness*; Matt Helms, *Springfield Fire Department (retired)*; Dick Rentschler, *Rochester Fire - Rescue*; Bill Russell, *Sangamon County Rescue Squad*; Kim Spann, *Sangamon County Department of Public Health* and Becky Styron, *Occupational Safety & Health Administration*.

Guests present were: Lee Milner, *Central Illinois Community Blood Center* and Tom Faivre, *City Water Light & Power*

- II.** A motion was made by B. Styron, seconded by M. Helms, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2006, LEPC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

Central Illinois Community Blood Center Planning

The Chair announced that a meeting was held last Monday with various invited members of the LEPC and the Central Illinois Community Blood Center to discuss crisis preparedness planning for the Blood Center. The Chair highlighted two main issues that were brought up: reliable communications and reliable transportation for the distribution of blood to its destination in times of need.

Lee Milner discussed issues related to his organization which primarily serves 14 counties. He discussed the importance of communications and reported that the six private blood centers in Illinois (non-Red Cross) collect half of the blood donated within Illinois.

A question was whether these six centers have been able to get together to develop a response plan (similar to the Red Cross planning). The reply was that there is a national plan and these centers would be meeting in December to discuss issues.

Site Specific Planning Project

Matt Helms completed 4 plans since the last meeting. Each was for a Verizon Wireless facility: Curran Tower, 5980 Industrial Drive (which has a New Berlin address but is covered by SFD); Dotmar Tower on Dotmar east of 31st St.; Koke Mill Tower, behind Firehouse No.12 on S. Koke Mill and the West Washington Tower on West Washington at Veterans Parkway. It turns out that each tower has different quantities of hazardous material and thus requires some unique planning.

Matt reported that the plan for City Water Light & Power is in progress and it is his goal to have it completed before our next meeting. Matt also noted SFD's interest in our planning project which he observed during a recent training activity.

The Chair reported that the balance of the FFY06 HMEP Grant funds were utilized to cover the compensation for Matt Helms and that our FFY07 HMEP Grant application had been approved with an additional \$300 of funding.

IV. New Business

Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2006

The Chair explained that instead of preparing such a report about the preceding calendar year in May or June and distributing it to the committee at an LEPC meeting in the fall, it would make more sense to put together a report for the committee to review in January and submit it to the State early. A report on 2006 will be prepared before the next meeting.

Other

Bill Russell certified two dogs through the USPCA since the last meeting. The Sangamon County Rescue Squad is making efforts to join the state-wide MABAS (**M**utual **A**id **B**ox **A**larm **S**ystem) system for mutual aid.

St. John's Hospital held an in-house vaccination drill with the public health department. Typically, they vaccinate about 47% of their staff. All employees were required to report to the stations and could choose to be vaccinated or not. As a result, 52% of the staff were vaccinated. It was mentioned that St. John's Hospital currently holds the Level 1 Trauma Center designation and will hold it for 15 months (as Memorial Medical Center held it while St. John's Hospital renovated their facilities). Beginning January 1, 2008, they will go to a calendar year rotation. With HRSA funds, a new gas detector was purchased that will be used by the Springfield Fire Department.

Memorial Medical Center also vaccinated their employees through an exercise that was held over three 12-hour days and reported very good vaccination rates. Random prize drawings were held to encourage employee participation. The respondents did not know they were participating in a drill. A second gas detector will be purchased with HRSA funds and provided to the SFD. At some point in time, the state and federal governments will more than likely ask local hospitals to make plans to set up alternate health care facilities for up to 375 overflow patients.

A report was given on this year's flu shot season. Between 13,000 - 14,000 shots were given thus far, with more shots to be given throughout the flu shot season.

MABAS Division 48 will receive a new 39 ft., six shower stall decontamination truck built on an International Harvester chassis, to be housed in the Rochester Fire Station. The Springfield Fire Department TRT will be the primary response team. Training will be conducted over the next few months. It was mentioned that all fire departments will receive a radiation detector through MABAS.

An inquiry was made as to how to access the locally housed Mass Casualty Incident supplies. The hospitals answered that they are restocking the trailer using federal grant funds appropriate for such a project. They will draft changes for the county and city emergency plans pertaining to the MCI trailer.

The Chair reported that the Sangamon County OEM is looking into radio capabilities and what can be done to improve the countywide system. New FCC licenses and new equipment have been obtained. They will look into purchasing more equipment and installing additional telephone lines between the existing communications tower and dispatch center.

It was reported that a new radiological event preparedness effort for the Sangamon County area was being conducted through the Sangamon County Office of Bioterrorism Preparedness. The advisory planning process was described. Members were invited to join the team by contacting Ray Cooke at rayc@co.sangamon.il.us

The Chair asked if anyone had further information on the Pawnee exercise under discussion since spring. He had heard that the New City Blacktop reopened in September because the bridge project was completed well ahead of schedule. It was reported that Pawnee's EMS coordinator had since had some medical issues.

There being no further business, a motion was made by B. Churchill, seconded by B. Russell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007, at the office of the State Fire Marshal.